

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A common carrier system comprising:
a first storage located at a first entity registered with the system;
a second storage located at a second entity registered with the system; and
a server at a third entity that receives information from said first storage and said second storage, ~~said server exchanging information with a user, said exchange of information providing and provides~~ a user interface displayed on a user's computer, the user interface enabling a user to create an electronic booking request, to submit the electronic booking request to the server which will forward said request to at least the first entity and to receive confirmation of the electronic booking request from the first entity as transmitted from the server.
2. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is created from a template stored on the common carrier system, wherein the template was created by the user prior to the creation of the electronic booking request.
3. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is created from a previously drafted electronic booking stored on the common carrier system, wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was created by the user or any other user prior to the creation of the electronic booking request, and wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was selected from the results of a search performed by the user.
4. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 3, wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was a confirmed electronic booking request that was confirmed by at least one of the entities registered with the system prior to the user or the any other user creating the electronic booking request.

5. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request includes a section which enables the user to request a container be transported, wherein the container is transported from an inland origin to a first vessel, the container is loaded onto the first vessel, the container is transported by the first vessel to a location, the container is discharged from the first vessel and the container is delivered to a destination.

6. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the user and the first entity negotiated shipping costs prior to the user submitting the electronic booking request.

7. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the user and the first entity never negotiated shipping costs prior to the user submitting the electronic booking request.

8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 7, wherein the user is a new customer of the first entity.

9-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A common carrier system comprising:

a first storage located at a first entity registered with the system;

a second storage located at a second entity registered with the system; and

a server that receives information from said first storage and said second storage,

~~said server exchanging information with a user, said exchange of information~~

~~providing and provides~~ a user interface displayed on a user's computer, the

user interface enabling a user to create an electronic booking request, submit

the electronic booking request to the server which will forward said request to

at least the first entity ~~any entity registered with the system~~ and receive

confirmation of the electronic booking request from the first entity as

transmitted from the server, wherein the system, responsive to confirmation

from the registered entity to the user and registered entity data, generates

electronic event notification messages.

14. (Original) The system according to claim 13, wherein the user determines when the system should notify the user of an event.

15. (Original) The system according to claim 14, wherein the event is a non-event.

16. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the common carrier system notifies the user of the non-event after a predetermined time period has lapsed and the event has not occurred, wherein the user determines the predetermined time period.

17-51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request comprises a routing request.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 52, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises routing information.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface further enables the user to send shipping instructions to the first entity.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface further enables the user to receive a booking activity plan from the first entity.

56. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 55, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises a booking activity plan.

57. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 55, wherein the booking activity plan comprises transport modes, transshipment locations, and interim arrival and departure dates and times.

58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using Extensible Markup Language (XML)~~XML~~.

59. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)~~EDI~~.

60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using a website.

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted using electronic mail.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request is received by the user via EDI.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request is received by the user via electronic mail.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request is received by the user via a pop-up dialogue box.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the electronic event notification messages are generated using electronic mail.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the electronic event notification messages are generated using pop-up dialogue boxes.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the electronic event notification messages are generated using EDI.

68. (Currently Amended) A common carrier system comprising:
- a first storage located at a first carrier registered with the system;
 - a second storage located at a second carrier registered with the system; and
 - a server that receives information from said first storage and said second storage,
~~said server exchanging information with a user, said exchange of information providing and provides~~ a user interface displayed on a user's computer, the user interface enabling a user to:
 - submit an electronic booking request to the server which will forward said request to the first and second carriers;
 - submit a routing request to the server which will forward said request to the first and second carriers;
 - submit shipping instructions to the server which will forward said instructions to one of the first and second carriers;
 - receive a confirmation of the electronic booking request from one of the first and second carriers as transmitted from the server;
 - receive routing information from one of the first and second carriers as transmitted from the server; and
 - receive a booking activity plan from one of the first and second carriers as transmitted from the server, wherein the booking activity plan comprises transport modes, transshipment locations, and interim arrival and departure dates and times.

69. (Currently Amended) A common carrier system comprising:
a first storage located at a user registered with the system;
a second storage located at a carrier registered with the system; and
a server configured to receive an electronic booking request sent from the first storage, to store the electronic booking request, and to send the electronic booking request to the second storage, wherein the electronic booking request includes—comprises a request to transport one or more containers, and wherein said request is sent from said first storage to the server which will forward said request to the second storage.

70. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the electronic booking request comprises an EDI message.

71. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the electronic booking request comprises an XML message.

72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is configured to send the electronic booking request to the second storage using EDI.

73. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to receive a confirmation of the electronic booking request from the carrier.

74. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 73, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises routing information.

75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 73, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises a carrier booking number.

76. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to receive a booking activity plan from the carrier and to use the booking activity plan to provide container tracking services to the user.

77. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to modify a booking after physical movement of the one or more containers has begun.